

## April 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2013 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

J. B. Buckland, Chairman  
J. M. Gollehon, Jr.  
Drema K. McMahon  
J. L. Webb, Jr.  
R. B. Whitehead

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent  
D. Scott Meade, Assistant Superintendent  
Amanda J. Tickle, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's April 11, 2013 School Board Meeting Agenda.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Sarah Woods – EEMS, Crystal Ramos-McCall – EEMS, Linda Henderson – EEMS, Carolyn Painter, Jane Garrett – NHS, Margaret Christle – NHS, Melanie Atkins – NHS

On behalf of the School Board and Town of Pearisburg, the following were recognized for being winners in the 2013 Giles County Appalachian Trail Postcard Design Contest: Gabe Moore – MMS (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Abbie Brooks – NEMS (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Autumn Bowles – EEMS (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Rachel Blankenship – NHS (12<sup>th</sup> Grade), Damien Jones – GHS (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

#### A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – March 14, 2013

#### B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include March 28<sup>h</sup>, 2013
2. Payment of Bills to include March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013
3. March 2013 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Additional 2012-2013 Field Trip Requests
5. Local Plan Update/Career and Technical Education Funds
6. Confirmation of Educational Technology Resolution
7. Special Education Annual Plan
7. Appropriation Request for June 2013

TO: Christopher McKlarney  
Interim Administrator for Giles County

FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II  
Division Superintendent

RE: June 2013 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of June 2013. This is for the twelfth month of the fiscal year 2012-13. I would appreciate the Board's consideration of this request. The request for the operating budget is consistent with the approved operating budget submitted by the School Board.

<b>Original Monthly Appropriation Request:</b>	\$2,106,708.92
<b>(Operating + Flow-thru)</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	\$2,106,708.92

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year to date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**EDUCATIONAL FEATURE**

Mrs. Cathy Webb attended the School Board meeting on behalf of the Macy McClaugherty educational feature. She brought along several of the FOCUS program students and teacher assistants to help her with the program. Mrs. Webb shared with the board members that April is Autism awareness month and discussed several events that the students and staff of the FOCUS program have planned. Each student demonstrated to the School Board different activities and/or skills that they have learned this year. One student recited the pledge of allegiance based on his good memory, another student showed us her great visual skills by sequencing numbers 1-10 and then another student showed his ability and interest in reading cite words by reading a book. It is evident that a lot of learning occurs each day in the FOCUS classroom. Board members were very impressed with the presentation!

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:
1. The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignation:** Melissa Light – EEMS Teacher Assistant (effective April 2, 13), Meagan Jones – NHS Math Teacher (effective April 12, 13)
  2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mrs. McMahan and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Brett Nicholson – GHS Boys Soccer
  3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirements:** Judy Lawson – GHS Teacher Assistant (effective July 1, 13), Faye Nicholson – GHS English Teacher (effective June 7, 13)
  4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved, contingent upon receipt of notification of necessary state funding, **administrator** appointments, non-reappointments, and transfers as recommended by Dr. Arbogast for the 2013-14 school year (all other personnel will be approved at the May board meeting).

Annual Appointment Recommendations for 2013-14

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOTRECOMMENDED
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ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUING CONTRACT IN SPECIFIED POSITION 2015-16  
(Began in current position 2012-2013 school year)

Hopkins, Jill	NHS Principal	X	
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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS  
2013-14

Continuing Contract Administrators and Others

NAME(S)	GRADE(S)/SUBJECT(S)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Canaday, Gregory	EEMS Principal	X	
Fowler, Forest S.	Vocational Director /Principal-GCTC	X	
Franklin, Richard	NEMS Principal	X	
Meade, D. Scott	Ass't. Superintendent for Curriculum	X	
Mills, Jason	GHS Principal	X	
Rader, Jared	MMS Principal	X	
Thompson, Michele	Director of Special Education	X	
Tibbs, Paula	Gifted Coordinator	X	

5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gollehon, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, accepted the proposal from Muneris Benefits for services specified in RFP #2-2013 (Agent of Record and Broker for Health Insurance and Related Ancillary Benefits).

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA Policy Services and Administration.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mrs. McMahon, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, approved the NAEHCY LeTendre Education Fund 2013 Scholarship Application. The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness through the LeTendre Education Fund for Homeless Children, established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education. André was a friend and mentor to many young people and was especially committed to helping children in homeless situations. In the spirit of André's desire to help children in homeless situations, the LeTendre Education Fund supports their efforts to pursue higher education.

### CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Gollehon stated that as always, he was impressed with the educational feature!

Mr. Gollehon commended Narrows Elementary/Middle on their entry into the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Showcases for Success directory regarding classroom emergency kits in Laura Helvey's class.

Mr. Gollehon discussed the highway dedication at the courthouse and was impressed to see both Giles and Narrows High School bands. Also, a rendition of taps was played by Logan Kantsios and he did a very good job!

Mr. Whitehead shared information with the School Board regarding the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. Eleven Governor's School students participated in the Virginia State Science Fair, held at VMI, on April 5-6. Dallas McKinney, from Narrows, and Briana Massaro, Carson Squibb, Emily Harrell, Josalyn Buchanan, Zachary Burch, all from Giles, were among the 33 SWVGS students who submitted a research paper to the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS). We are expecting notification of which students have been selected to present an oral presentation of their work. The VJAS meeting will be held at Virginia Tech this year, May 21-23. This Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Southwest Virginia Governor's School is hosting Young Scholars Day from 10:00-noon. Young Scholars Day is free to all upper elementary and middle school students and their families. This is an opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, and math through fun, hands-on activities. Young Scholars Day will be held at will be held at the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, 100 Northwood Drive, Pulaski, VA 24301, from 10:00-noon on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Webb stated that he really enjoyed the FOCUS program presentation. It's hard for someone to realize how much work and dedication has gone into seeing the students perform. They did a wonderful job! He also stated that the balloon release at the courthouse for Autism awareness month was very moving. The historic courthouse was lit blue! Thanks especially to Dr. Arbogast for being a guest speaker!

Mrs. McMahon stated that she appreciates the teachers at the Giles County Technology center for the students doing so well at the SkillsUSA events.

Mrs. McMahon stated that the spring Spartonian was outstanding! Very good publication!

Mrs. McMahon discussed lottery money. She stated that she received information from the VSBA regarding lottery money. She thought it was very interesting the dollar breakdown in the lottery. Only 30% goes to K-12 education and it's not up to the school system how the money is spent. It is misleading.

Mrs. McMahon thanked the family of Jo Ann McCroskey for honoring her memory with a scholarship.

Mr. Buckland thanked the administration for the decisions made this winter with school closings.

The Superintendent thanked NEMS for their submission into the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcases for Success publication from VSBA.

The Superintendent showed a recent magazine from Radford University that features Heather Ursano, one of our current teachers. Very good article!

The Superintendent presented a draft to School Board members of the proposed athletic drug testing policy. He asked that once they had the opportunity to review it, to please let him know so he can make changes and send to our counsel. Counsel will check to make sure he is okay with

the policy before adopting. He stated that there would be a cost associated with each test. He also stated that there was a discussion about whether to charge the athlete on the second test in the event the athlete tests positive on the first. There is a form for the parent and student to sign off on with this policy. Mrs. McMahon asked who would provide the testing. Dr. Arbogast stated that it would probably be the same company that does the CDL testing. The third party tester would be responsible for the testing of the athletes and it would be completely random. Dr. Webb stated that he liked the idea of having meetings with every sport beforehand to discuss the policy and consequences of having a negative drug test. This policy will be different than the current drug/alcohol policy for Giles County Public Schools.

The Superintendent stated that in 2012, Virginia high school volleyball teams were ranked #4 in the country for their Dig Pink fundraising! They raised a total of \$69,603 for The Side-Out Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered in Virginia that raises money for breast cancer research through the sport of volleyball. Giles High School raised a total of \$4,017.31.

The Superintendent congratulated Ben Hall who won the New River Federation FFA tractor operators contest held recently at Christiansburg High School. The New River Federation consists of Giles, Narrows, Pulaski, Floyd, Auburn, Blacksburg, and Christiansburg High schools.

The Superintendent stated as information that open enrollment insurance meetings started this week. We are moving on with Optima Health as our health insurance carrier, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Employees have four choices to choose from.

The Superintendent stated that the Giles Technology Center nursing program took nine students to the HOSA state leadership conference. They participated in six competitive events and placed as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Pathophysiology (knowledge test)	Lindsey Mayo
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Physical Therapy (knowledge test/skills)	Tessa Spencer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Medical Math (knowledge test)	Tina Palmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Health Education (Team Event)	Breann Burton, Olivia Craig, Harley Wilson
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Career Health Display (Team Event)	Haley Morris, Precious Magnase

#### **IN OTHER ACTION...**

The School Board, on motion of Dr. Webb, with second by Mr. Whitehead and unanimous voting, approved a Volunteer Athletic Coaching Agreement for Sydney Thompson – NHS Assistant Track.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mrs. McMahon and unanimous voting, approved the Jo Ann McCroskey Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in the memory of Jo Ann McCroskey for her examples of service, love and dedication to the Green Wave community. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at NHS based on financial need, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Dr. Webb and unanimous voting, approved a rollover of bids on the following:  
One year rollover on the following bids (this is the second of three possible one-year rollovers):

- 4-2009 (auditing services; Robinson, Farmer, Cox)
- 5-2009 (wrecker services; Lee's Body Shop)
- 7-2009 (custodial supplies; JanPak)
- 8-2009 (pest management; Dodson)
- 9-2009 (water treatment services; Water Chemistry)
- 10-2009 (drug & alcohol testing; Advance Drug Testing II)
- 14-2009 (athletic insurance; Scholastic Insurors)
- 15-2009 (grease traps; Vaught Septic)
- 21-2009 (fire protection services; VSC Fire & Security)

The following bids are the third of three possible one-year rollovers:

- 3-2008 (fleet insurance; State Farm)
- 5-2008 (dairy items; Pet Dairy)
- 6-2008 (bakery items; Heiner's)
- 7-2008 (cafeteria items; Sysco Foods)

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

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The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, on motion of Mr. Whitehead, with second by Mr. Gollehon and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Clerk